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SUBJECT: EDWIN M. MARTIN APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF  
CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND  
INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

1. BASED ON INFORMATION "RECEIVED FROM UNDP" THE UN  
ON 22 JANUARY ISSUED THE BELOW QUOTED PRESS RELEASE  
ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MARTIN.

QUOTE: EDWIN M. MARTIN OF THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN  
APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON FOOD  
PRODUCTION AND INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES  
(CGFPI). MR. MARTIN IS A FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE DEV-  
ELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE OF THE ORGANISATION OF  
ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD).

THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP IS BEING ORGANIZED JOINTLY BY  
THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOP-  
MENT, THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP)  
AND THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO), UNDER  
THE TERMS OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED LAST NOVEMBER IN ROME  
BY THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE.

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS AP-  
POINTMENT ISSUED IN WASHINGTON, D.C., ON BEHALF OF FAO,  
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UNDP AND THE WORLD BANK:

"PARAGRAPH 14 OF RESOLUTION XXII OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE REQUESTED THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION, THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND THE WORLD BANK TO ORGANIZE A CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON FOOD PRODUCTION AND INVESTMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (CGFPI) WITH THE OBJECTIVE 'TO INCREASE, CO-ORDINATE AND IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF FINANCIAL AND TECHICAL ASSISTANCE TO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES'. THE RESOLUTION INDICATES THAT THE MEMBERSHIP SHOULD CONSIST OF 'BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL DONORS AND REPRESENTATIVE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES'.

"DISCUSSIONS RELATING TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP BEGAN IN NOVEMBER AMONG ADDEKE H. BOERMA, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FAO, RUDOLPH A. PETERSON, ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNDP, AND ROBERT S. MCNAMARA, PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD BANK, ON JANUARY 10, 1975, AT A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK. MR. BOERMA, MR. PETERSON AND MR. MCNAMARA AGREED THAT THE ESSENTIAL FIRST STEPS WOULD BE TO APPOINT AN INDEPENDENT CHAIRMAN OF HIGH INTERNATIONAL STANDING FOR THE CONSULTATIVE GROUP AND TO ESTABLISH A SMALL SECRETARIAT. THE OFFICES OF THE CHAIRMAN AND OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WOULD BE LOCATED IN THE WORLD BANK. EACH OF THE THREE SPONSORING AGENCIES AGREED TO ASSIGN ONE OR TWO STAFF MEMBERS TO THE SECRETARIAT.

"MR EDWIN M. MARTIN HAS ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL OF MESSRS. BOERMA, PETERSON AND MCNAMARA THAT HE SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CGFPI. MR. MARTIN WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE OF THE OECD FROM 1968 THROUGH 1973 AND IS WIDELY KNOWN AND HIGHLY RESPECTED IN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ALIKE UNQUOTE SCALI

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